

MINUTES – MORRO BAY RECREATION AND PARKS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING – September 17, 2015

VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING – 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Chair Drew Sidaris, Commissioner Kevin Carroll, Commissioner Jeffrey Cox, Commissioner Al Romero, Commissioner Robert Swain and Deputy City Manager Sam Taylor.

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Sidaris called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Commissioner Sidaris announced that Vice Chair Tom Coxwell had resigned, then opened the floor to nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Commissioner Romero moved to nominate Commissioner Swain as Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Cox and carried unanimously, 5-0.

Chair Sidaris suggested that the public visit the City's website www.morro-bay.ca.us, which shows upcoming community recreation classes, events and activities.

Deputy City Manager Taylor announced that the City is seeking basketball team sponsors for the upcoming season. Interested parties can contact Recreation Supervisor Karen Sweeny at 772-6281 or ksweeny@morro-bay.ca.us.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

Unless an item is pulled for separate action by the Commission, the following items are approved without discussion.

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A-1 CORRESPONDENCE/CITIZENS REPORTS
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

A-2 DEPARTMENT PROGRAM/PROJECT STATUS REPORT
RECOMMENDATION: Receive and file.

MOTION: Commissioner Swain moved to accept Consent Calendar items A-1 and A-2 for file. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Romero and carried unanimously, 5-0.

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS

NONE

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

D. NEW BUSINESS

D-1 CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST BY THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MORRO BAY FOR RENAMING OF MORRO BAY PARK
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Deputy City Manager Taylor explained that the Historical Society of Morro Bay is asking that Morro Bay City Park be renamed in honor of Franklin Riley, who is considered to be the City's founder.

Robert Davis of Morro Bay gave a presentation about Franklin Riley and noted that there is nothing in Morro Bay named after Mr. Riley. Mr. Davis said that the Historical Society of Morro Bay supports naming a park after Mr. Riley but that Historical Society board members are not united about which park it should be. Mr. Davis said he feels City Park's location in the center of town best exemplifies the contributions of Mr. Riley. Mr. Davis noted that the City has a policy for naming parks (Resolution No. 78-80) but not a procedure. He suggested this might be an opportune time for the Commission to develop a procedure.

Commissioners discussed the issue, agreed that a park-naming procedure was needed and asked Deputy City Manager Taylor to come back to them with a proposed procedure for naming public facilities in the City.

E. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioners asked about filling seats on the Commission that are currently vacant. Deputy City Manager Taylor said the search for new commissioners was moving forward.

Commissioner Carroll asked about the current status of pickleball. Taylor said the issue would most likely be on the November agenda and the Commission would be asked to make a recommendation to the City Council regarding permanent court space for pickleball.

Taylor said another upcoming agenda item will be the proposed installation of a Frisbee golf course, perhaps at Del Mar Park.

Commissioner Swain noted that the City is still looking for players for Men's Basketball.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to the next regular Recreation and Parks Commission meeting on **Thursday, November 19, 2015**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Building, 209 Surf Street, Morro Bay, California.

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